

REMARKS

Claims 80 and 90-148 are pending in this application, with claims 80, 117 and 147 being independent. Claims 117 has been amended. No new matter has been introduced.

Applicants thank Examiner Donlon for participating in telephonic interviews with applicants' representative on August 30, 2010 and on September 7, 2010. During the interview of August 30, 2010, Examiner Donlon agreed to withdraw all of the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph rejections, and the 35 U.S.C. 101 rejections of claims 80, 90-116 and 147. The Examiner also agreed to withdraw the 35 U.S.C. 101 rejections of claims 117-146 if applicants filed a supplemental amendment modifying the claim language as discussed during the interview. Applicants, therefore, are submitting the agreed upon amendment with this filing and, consequently, respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. 101 rejections of claims 117-146.

During both interviews (i.e., August 30, 2010 and September 7, 2010), applicants discussed the arguments submitted in the response filed on July 15, 2010 to overcome the substantive prior art rejections of the claims. No agreement was reached.

As also discussed and kindly agreed to by Examiner Donlon during the telephonic interview of September 7, 2010, applicants request another interview with Examiner Donlon prior to issuance of a Final Office Action. Applicants thank Examiner Donlon for his continued help in ensuring that prosecution of this application proceeds in a productive manner.

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No fees are believed due in connection with this filing. However, if any fees or refunds are due, please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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